



Sports program  
deserves respect  
Page 3

"The Vanishing"  
not worth money  
Page 7

NON-PROFIT  
US POSTAGE PAID  
SHREVEPORT, LA.  
PERMIT NO. 1134

# Almagest

Monday, February 15, 1993

Where Quality Counts

Volume 30, Number 15

## Minority Services responds to needs

Meridith Orr  
Features Editor

We live in an age in which recognition of racial diversity is more actively encouraged. Yet there are still some times when special needs arise and services are required to address them.

Minority Student Services was created in response to such needs and provides counseling and referral services to black students in order to make the transition from other schools to LSUS a smooth one.

"In a predominantly white institution, minorities may encounter problems that other students may not," said Sherry Gladney, assistant director of student aid.

Gladney explained that the service handles students' concerns on a case-by-case basis. "It's really reactive rather than proactive," she said. "We act as a liaison to the administration. It depends on what the needs of the student are."

The service also assists in recruiting minority students to attend LSUS and sends a letter welcoming new students to campus. "We try to encourage supporting the university as a whole and participa-

tion in university functions," she said.

One problem students may encounter, according to Gladney, is feeling isolated or alienated.

"Sometimes they may feel intimidated about being the only black person in a class of thirty or forty other students," Gladney said. "They may be feeling some culture shock if they've transferred from a black university or a predominantly black high school. Other black students that come from predominantly white schools may not feel that way."

Gladney feels that the needs for the service are growing.

"There's more I'd like to see done," she said. "Most schools have a full-time person in this position. Before the budget cuts, we were going to have someone in the counseling center. Since financial aid is my first priority, I really don't have the time to give it the attention I'd like to."

Monica Thomas, a freshman biochemistry major, said her transition to LSUS was easier because she had attended a predominantly white high school.

"I went to all-black private

schools when I was younger, so when I [went to high school], I felt different," she said. "But I got used to it, because people are people."

Thomas said academics, not race, was her main reason for attending LSUS.

"I chose LSUS because it was the best school for my major, and it was close to me," she said. "I wasn't choosing white over black. I was choosing the school that was best for me."

Gladney also serves as advisor to Colleagues, a minority service organization that provides another resource for black students and promotes black leadership. The organization also operates out of Student Aid. "It's a place to network, a place to connect," she said. "They've [the members] become more active on campus as a result."

Thomas, a member of Colleagues, said that they have actively participated in community service. Past projects have included visiting the YWCA and the Salvation Army, helping schoolchildren with their homework and coaching basketball after school.

"It's a club just like any other," Thomas said.

## "Malcolm X"

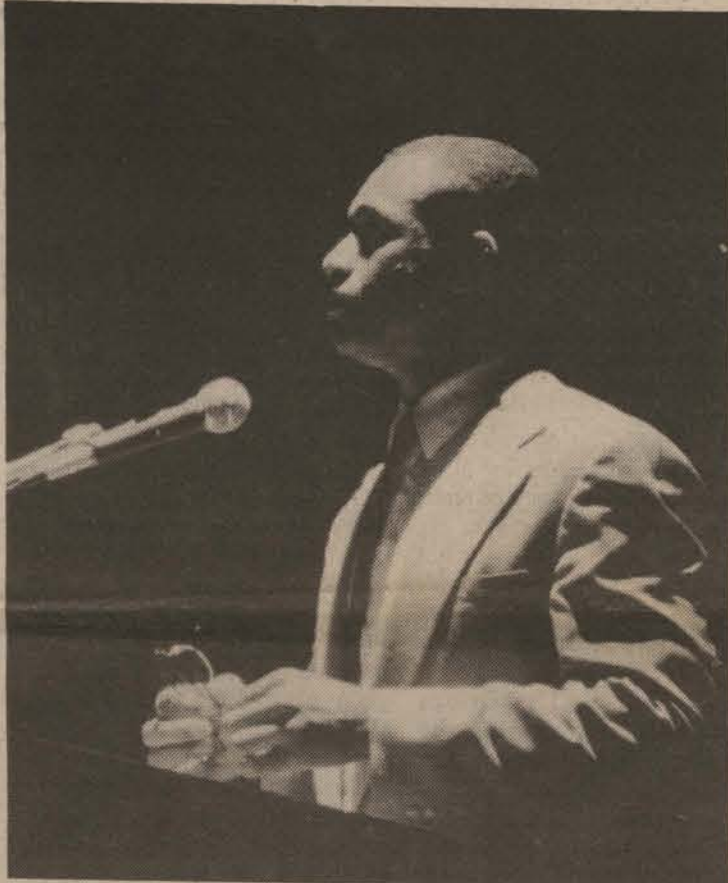


Photo by Tim Greening

Actor Darryl Van Leer addresses the audience out of character after performing his one-man show, "Rated: Malcolm X" at the UC last Tuesday.

## SPECIAL REPORT

## Battling eating disorders a lifetime struggle for students

Anne Link  
Almagest

If you were a recovered alcoholic, you could never safely have another drink. If you were a recovered cocaine addict, you could never snort an occasional line. But what if you were a recovered anorexic, bulimic or overeater? Humans cannot live without food. Period.

So what happens to someone who has an eating disorder? What happens when their mental obsession with food becomes so powerful that they starve their body of nutrients, binge on an excessive amount of food then purge or just plain overeat?

All three of these eating disorders can endanger a person's health, perhaps to the point of death.

The first of these three, Anorexia Nervosa, is an eating disorder as defined by the 1987 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders III-R. The signs to look for in an anorexic, according to the DSM, are rigid diets, making excuses for not eating, not enjoying food like they used to, and/or insisting that they are fat even though they are alarmingly thin.

Mason, a former LSUS student now a senior at SMU, knows what it is like to have anorexia. Her eating disorder, which was triggered after she left the swim team, started in her sophomore year at St. Vincent Academy.

"I wouldn't eat anything for breakfast or lunch and for dinner I would eat shredded wheat," says Mason.

### ▲ Part One

## Anorexia Nervosa

"If I had to eat with my family at home, I would move food around my plate until my mom left the room. Then I would throw it away. If we went to El Chico's, I would just eat chips."

During her junior year when Mason started dating, she wouldn't eat anything all week just so she could go out to eat with her boyfriend on the weekend. Throughout that time period, she weighed approximately 85 pounds and was 5'4".

St. Vincent suspected that Mason had a problem eating and contacted her mother. "I told my mom I had a problem. She made me eat." But even that didn't help, according to Mason, because once she started college at LSUS, she was only chewing gum and drinking diet

Cokes and Ices. "I would run on the track at LSUS and then go to the YMCA, then when I got home I would eat shredded wheat."

Mason also tried diet pills and laxatives. "I know that I can lose 10 pounds in a week and a half by not eating and exercising everyday. But I didn't know I was sick until I got to college. I thought I looked good. I got Anemia, my hair was thin and would fall out and I would see stars when I stood up, yet I was thin, so it didn't matter," Mason says.

Even today, Mason still battles with eating. She only eats one full meal a day and still exercises compulsively. Mason says, "If I am coming home, I will eat very little for a week so that I can eat normally

■ See Anorexia, page 3



# News

## Federal judge calls for desegregation, restructuring

Carla J. Barnes  
Almagest

A December 23 ruling by U.S. District Judge Charles Schwartz could mean some changes for LSUS and other state-supported universities. Schwartz ruled that Louisiana is still operating a segregated system of higher education, because students who attend Grambling and Southern Universities are predominantly black, while students at other major universities statewide are predominantly white.

The current system has one Board of Regents to oversee all state schools, and each school has its own Board of Supervisors and

Board of Trustees. Under the new system, there would be one single board governing all universities, and the system would be structured into four tiers: The first tier would have LSU Baton Rouge, which offers the greatest variety of doctoral programs, as its flagship; the second tier would include schools which also offer some doctoral programs such as Louisiana Tech and Southern-Baton Rouge; the third tier would include 4-year comprehensive programs, like LSUS, that offer some master's degrees and bachelor's degrees; the fourth tier would include comprehensive community colleges such as LSU-Alexandria, LSU-Eunice and Delgado Commu-

nity College in New Orleans.

Under the new program, the board would have the authority to shift programs from one school to the other and to eliminate some programs that were redundant. The board might also suggest some name changes for schools like LSUS, which would no longer be considered a branch of LSU-Baton Rouge.

"I don't think any board is going to force us to change our name," Chancellor John Darling said.

Darling said that the media have emphasized this aspect of reorganization, when it could mean some good changes for LSUS.

"If the schools are restructured,

the relevance of calling ourselves LSUS is lost," Darling said. "We would no longer be a part of LSU Baton Rouge."

Darling said that he did not think any academic programs at LSUS would be jeopardized if the system is restructured.

"The board will have to look carefully at the mission of each campus. We serve a place-bound constituency here at LSUS. Many of our students come here because they cannot go elsewhere for these programs," he said.

Darling added that the restructuring would not affect cooperative education programs with other campuses statewide. In fact, Darling

said that the restructuring could have a positive effect on the academic programs at LSUS, because there could be an increase in the variety of programs offered as a result of the restructuring.

Some LSUS students and faculty oppose changing the school's name, but Darling points out that the court's decision is being appealed, and it could take years before a conclusion is reached.

Some students at Grambling and Southern Universities have also objected to the desegregation suit. They say that because they attend Grambling or Southern by choice, the system does not force segregation on them.

## Gays controversial in ROTC

Derek Johnson  
Almagest

President Clinton made a promise to his supporters, and in six months, Clinton will keep or break that promise when he makes his final decision on whether or not gays should be allowed in the military.

The Army Reserve Officer Training Core program at LSUS follows Army law. ROTC consists of three programs: Military Science 1, MS2, and MS3. According to Major Hendrickson, professor of military science, gays are allowed to enroll in the MS1 and MS2 non-commission programs for freshman and sophomores. Gays are not allowed in the MS3 commission program.

Major Irvin, detachment commander, would not comment on how the ROTC program would be affected should Clinton lift the ban on gays in the military. Irvin read a

memo from the regional headquarters which gave the official ROTC position concerning gays in the program.

On what basis does the Army ROTC deny homosexuals the opportunity to take part in this program? The ROTC's response to that question was the following:

"There are two parts to the Army ROTC program. The academic portion and the commissioning program. All students enrolled at colleges and universities which have an Army ROTC presence on campus may enroll in the academic portion of ROTC. Those who would be ineligible due to age requirements, physical restrictions, and those whose homosexuality has been deemed incompatible with military service may not enroll in the commissioning portion of Army ROTC."

Does this Department of Defense policy conflict with the laws in many states and statutes at

most colleges and universities which bar all forms of discrimination? The ROTC's response to that question was the following?

"The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the military's right to exclude professed homosexuals from serving in the armed forces and, as a component of the Department Of Defense Army ROTC will continue to comply with DOD policies."

The issue of gays in the military continues to be a controversial subject among LSUS students.

"As long as they don't push their beliefs on others, they have a right to serve their country," Candi Snead, General Studies, said. "That's what America is all about."

However, Scot Shaw, Exercise Science, believes otherwise. "I would not want to be in the military if gays were allowed. I think it would degrade the military. I just don't think it's right."

## Canteen gets bid

Jennifer Newlon  
Almagest

A new company was awarded a three year contract for providing cafeteria, vending and catering services for LSUS.

Canteen Corporation, a subsidiary of the New York based holding company, TW Services, Inc., won the bid over Pickett Industries, the company formerly holding the contract. The last time the contract came up for renewal, Pickett had no competition.

The holding company that owns Canteen also owns Denny's, El Pollo Loco (restaurants primarily in California) and more than 400 Hardee's franchises.

A sales representative from Pickett, who wished to remain anonymous, and Reggie Singleton, director of the campus purchasing department, both reported that there were no serious problems or conflicts between the school and

Pickett.

Singleton said that Canteen's purchase of new equipment, the managerial staff and the overall program offered gave the company the edge when it came to choosing a food service.

Both companies offered marketing strategies, customer incentives and theme menus to increase sales and customer satisfaction.

In an analysis of comparable products of the two food services, Canteen's prices were often a few cents higher, with approximately five cents difference in 25 commonly purchased single items, and 20 cents difference in 15 sandwiches or meals on the proposed menus.

One explanation Pickett was given for the contract award was Canteen's better food quality.

Last year, former SOC President, Liz Mayo was upset with Pickett's policy of having to cater all parties on campus. Mayo cited high prices as the reason.

## Vice-Chancellor search narrowed

Cindy Rowe  
Almagest

The search for the position of vice chancellor of business affairs has been narrowed down to three people.

A search committee, chaired by Dr. Nancy Belck, vice chancellor for academic affairs, selected three people to bring to campus for interviews for the next two weeks.

The final decision will be made by Chancellor Darling. He said that he hopes a decision will be made by early March, with the new vice chancellor starting work by July 1, the start of the new academic year.

"I'm quite pleased at this point

with the three candidates we have," Darling said.

The search committee reviewed the resumes of more than 250 applicants before presenting the names of five individuals to Darling. Of those five, three were selected to interview on campus.

Darling said that all three have the qualifications to do the job, but it comes down to matching personalities.

Each of the three candidates will come to the campus for two days to meet with campus officials. Darling will meet with each of them three times during their visit. Each candidate will also participate in an open forum on campus.

The three candidates are Howard

J. Craig, vice president for fiscal affairs at Alabama State University; Cornelius Wooten, vice president for business and finance and assistant professor of business at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri; and Alyce R. Dressler, vice president for administration at Butler University in Indianapolis.

Darling said that he hopes to visit their campuses before making a decision.

Dr. Lyle Cook has been acting vice chancellor since the early fall of 1992. He will return to his position as dean of the college of sciences when a new vice chancellor has been hired.

"He really has done an outstand-

ing job," Darling said.

The vice chancellor for business affairs oversees purchasing, accounting, the physical plant, the computer center, the bookstore, personnel and campus security.

Belck encourages students to attend the open forums with the candidates. She said that all input the committee receives will be passed on to Darling.

Open forums will be held in the Desoto Room of the University Center. The forum with Howard J. Craig will be from 1-2 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 9; Alyce R. Dressler's will be from 1-2 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 16; and Cornelius Wooten's will be from 1-2 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 18.

**If You're  
Late...  
Be Early.**  
*Get a Pregnancy Test.*

Hope  
Medical  
Group  
for  
Women

**(318) 221-5500**

210 Kings Highway, Shreveport, LA



# No place for tomato cans in boxing

Tim Greening  
Sports Editor

I never thought I'd hear myself say this, but after watching heavyweight champion Riddick "Big Daddy" Bowe in his first title defense last Saturday, I gotta say it: Bring back Buster Douglas.

In case you've forgotten, Douglas pulled perhaps the greatest upset in boxing history when he took the heavyweight championship of the world from Mike Tyson in Tokyo a few years back.

Bowe looks like the toughest

champion since Tyson. After taking the title from Evander Holyfield, he got in a shouting match with the top contender, Lennox Lewis, who has more than a decent shot against Bowe. The world is holding its breath waiting for the big matchup.

So who does Bowe fight in his first defense last Saturday? Michael Dokes. An aging drug addict more than a few years past his prime. A fighter so bad that, after just a few punches, the fight was stopped two minutes after it started.

I haven't thrown a punch at another human being since I was in

sixth grade, but I would have been favored over Dokes.

The Gang was at my apartment to watch the bout last Saturday, all two minutes of it. In our disappointment we argued over who started this trend of heavyweight champions milking their notoriety by fighting challengers well beneath them--known affectionately as Tomato Cans.

One guy blamed Evander Holyfield for setting the precedent by boxing overweight, overaged George Foreman as a title defense.

Someone argued that Tyson had

a whole string of defenses against Tomato Cans that lasted three rounds or less.

Which brings me to my earlier statement: bring back Buster Douglas.

In his first defense, Douglas fought Evander Holyfield, the leading contender at that time. A remarkable show of bravery in comparison.

The Bowe camp is saying that Lennox Lewis is the one avoiding a fight, claiming that he made an offer to him and he refused.

(That is correct, they did make

an offer, but you could say that the split of the take was a tad unfair: Bowe would get about \$75 zillion and Lewis would get \$13 and a Caesar's Palace t-shirt.)

Boxing needs a commissioner with some actual power. They need a Bart Giamatti-Peter Ueberroth type who will lay down the law and take the sport out of the hands of the crooked promoters and managers. Send Don King to the showers (and then to a barber).

Bowe may be a tough champion, but he won't be a brave champ until he stops fighting chumps.

# Pilot sports programs, athletes deserve a little respect

Isn't it a wonderful world?

The Cowboys won the Super Bowl and we fans have an entire year to gloat and enjoy our championship statues, while you Saints fans despair over another early playoff exit. Enough (a little Dr. Cloud lingo). Sports 101 is again in need.

Many Americans were introduced to media bias in last year's presidential election. Whether or not this bias serves the public's interest is for each of us to decide, but nevertheless, it does exist. As for Pilot sports enthusiasts, we have learned in a disappointing way that this bias exists in our city against our school.

I have attended LSUS since 1989 and have written sports for the Almagest since that year. I have witnessed and have written about the birth of our sports program as well as its current success. We have

grown tremendously as a program, as proven by pilot basketball player Tami Knotts being in the top five in scoring in the country for a Division II team. Read that again. Do you know how many Division II teams there are in this country? I don't either, but I can assure you it is quite a few.

Our men's baseball and basketball teams are also earning respect in their leagues as well-coached, quality teams.

Despite all this, our community and especially our media continue to ignore us. Pilot teams rarely get mentioned on television for wins or losses, while nearly never having those rare stories accompanied by video. To give credit where it is due, The Times does print our box scores of games and occasionally writes a small story.

Why is LSUS overlooked?

## Sports 101

William Smith

Whose professors provide political commentary in local and state elections? Where do many of our community-based theater events take place? Which school has more alumni in the community? These are just a few of the arguments that can be given to show that we offer and contribute a lot to the community. Why can't our local media give a little back?

I realize that LSU Tiger athletics are important to many people in

Shreveport, and so are Louisiana Tech, Northeast and Northwestern. What do we have in common with these schools? We are all state funded institutions and let's make it real clear that Centenary is not.

Centenary has a tradition in Shreveport and we respect that, but their quality of athletics isn't what it used to be. Several Pilot opponents are also Centenary opponents every year, and while we aren't at the Centenary level of competition yet, we're getting there. I know all of the aforementioned schools are NCAA Division I schools, I hear it in my sleep. When did Centenary last compete (not just play) in a NCAA tournament? Don't say it was when Robert Parrish played, because that hardly qualifies. Most of the athletes competing at area schools were only babies when Parrish played. The truth is NAIA

Division II basketball isn't a league for losers. A graduate of Division II school Central Arkansas did quite well. His name is Scottie Pippen. Who knows if Shannon Cunningham might one day play for the Dodgers or if Chan Hearn might be a Celtic? It would be a shame for our media to have never reported on these players.

All we ask for is equal time. While we know this is impossible in creating and producing quality sports broadcasts and newsprint, give us a little respect. Our men's basketball team will certainly be in the District VIII playoffs and may attend the national tournament in Idaho in March. It would be nice to let Shreveport-Bossier know we are competing. We can compete. For those of us that are regular attendees at Pilot games, we know this to be true.



**COLLEGE COSTS  
ARE RISING DAILY**

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A WAY  
TO FINANCE YOUR EDUCATION**

**WHY NOT LOOK INTO THE LOUISIANA  
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD!**

**YOU CAN RECEIVE!**

**FREE COLLEGE TUITION**

**AND**

**\$6,120**

**TO OFFSET THE RISING COST OF  
RECEIVING A COLLEGE EDUCATION**



**CALL: SFC STUART BRIANT  
AT: (318) 742-5041  
LOUISIANA**

**"AMERICAN AT ITS BEST"**

**Baseball Season starts  
Tuesday at LSUS at 1 p.m.**

## Anorexia

■ Continued from page 1

"at home, but I do take better care of myself."

Another student at LSUS has also had anorexia. Ashley Glassell, sophomore journalism major, had anorexia for about a year in high school. Ashley says, "I would eat one Weight Watcher cup of yogurt for breakfast, four carrot sticks and celery sticks for lunch and a small can of tuna for dinner."

For Ashley, the need to lose weight surfaced in fifth grade. "I was a tomboy. I played with the boys and protected the girls. People called me Refrigerator Glassell and Big Mama. I was very unhappy. I felt like no one would love me

because I was fat. When I got to Loyola I told one girl that her fat jokes were right. I had lost the weight at that time and got lots of attention. Everybody loved me because I was skinny."

According to Dr. Jean Hollensted, psychology professor at LSUS, stories like Ashley's and Mason's are all too common tragedies brought on by depression, self-esteem problems and even the media.

A pamphlet that students can pick up in the counseling center, put out by ANRED, Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders, lists some of the symptoms of anorexia such as excessive weight loss (up to 15 percent of body weight), dry, thin hair, wasted muscles, dehydration, depression, etc. The pamphlet also says that these and the other symptoms usually disappear after the person starts eating.



# Editorial

Beth Horstman  
Editor

John Tabor  
Advisor

Jennifer Newlon  
Associate Editor

Katharyn Howe  
News Editor

Meridith Orr  
Features Editor

Jeffrey Martin  
Business Manager

Office No: 797-5328

## Almagest

To keep students informed.

Almagest - (al' ma - jest") n.

Any various great medieval works,  
as on astronomy or alchemy.

— New Webster's Dictionary

Member: Southeastern Journalism Conference,  
American College Press Association, Columbia  
Scholastic Press Association.

## BLIRM



## Another view

### Cooperative effort, between LSUS, SUS brings diversity

Diversity. This topic is facing America in all capacities. It is becoming increasingly more important in the workplace, in schools and in culture to create a new balance.

Although the challenge to create a more diverse atmosphere at LSUS was not the original intent for the newly founded liaison between our university and Southern University Shreveport (SUS), working together will certainly benefit us in more ways than one. When the budget axe fell last semester, LSUS faced a crisis to find some \$670,000 immediately or risk shutting the university down.

Collectively, we sucked in our stomachs and tightened our belts to keep this university on an upward climb.

Then in December, a federal judge issued an order to dissolve the existing four-board system governing higher education saying "separate but equal" no longer applies in society, therefore he will not tolerate it in state universities.

This decision left state-school administrators looking at each other saying, "Now What?" They were ordered to create one Superboard, and Southern University officials began dragging their feet fearful that one board meant less minority representation.

Double-whammie.

But in the face of adversity, the local branches of Southern and Louisiana State University have pulled together, pooling resources through team-teaching and exchanging faculty.

Yet an underlying theme is emerging here. It is this topic of diversity.

LSUS's minority services has stepped up its programs to help transfer students and first-time students ease into the nearly all-white atmosphere. Colleagues is a black service club for students, and Mainstream and Love Alive offer Christian fellowship among blacks. But there are so many other areas to explore.

This cooperative effort will allow for a more pervasive approach to achieving a diverse atmosphere here. Students from both universities will have the opportunity to benefit more freely from each other's programs. Minority teachers in the classrooms here at LSUS will allow students to have a different perspective presented to them.

Even though those minority programs were established here to achieve this diversity goal, this new liaison will just nudge the effort along sooner.

This is not a situation that falls in the "desperate times means desperate measures" category. This is a true step forward, a cohesive effort to see that the state universities in this city provide the best possible learning atmosphere for all students who attend them.

Hats off.

## My Masterpiece

### Hornak achieves absolute efficient waste of space

I just spent two hours cramming arcane and useless biological facts into my head, and thirty-five minutes emptying them onto a Scantron sheet. Now I'm typing into the computer a column that was due, oh, three days ago, and which even as I press these lettered buttons down hard and fast I know not the exact nature of. (That is to say, I'm making this up as I go.) While the aforementioned procrastinatory pains are quite entirely self-inflicted, I, like the average citizen, enjoy blaming others for my predicament(s).

Yes, we self-appointed pointer-outers of just where the blame lies for our own weaknesses are a questionably justified lot indeed. Ours is not to question why, ours is just to point and cry. We blame the neighbors, the schools, the weather, the Democrats, the increased interest rates, the cable people, the Bossanova, the hard to reach places, the drops that spot, the static cling, the painful itching and swelling, the second hand smoke, the constellation Orion, the Saturday morning cartoons, the pillow fights, the lunar phases, "the Man", "the Dog", "the Twelve-Piece Starter Set of Silverware."

Then again, maybe your life is free of predicaments and you don't particularly blame anyone thank you very much. Well, as long as you're not doing anything, I blame you. That's right, YOU. You sitting there with the black pen about to

color a mustache onto my little caricature. Granted, I have had just the most horrible luck in the old facial hair department and have on desperate occasions considered taking pen to face, a la Groucho Marx. But please, there are weightier matters on my right hand.

For instance, while we sit here doing nothing, Lane Crockett (whom I dis-affectionately but accurately refer to as "Lame" Crockett) is probably sitting behind a rusty typewriter (he does so loathe those new-fangled computer things) pecking out his next "column" for *The Times*. And what could be worse than Lame wreaking his boorish wrath upon the undeserving world in the form of another miasmic maelstrom of whipped-up sentimentality and vapid humor? NOTHING! Unless of course it's Margaret Martin. Now there's a waste of pica space. And I should know about wastes of pica spaces.

I've made an art of it over the last three years, reverently but deliberately honing the exquisite mastery of simultaneously using and wasting a section of newspaper. (Incidentally, if you have read this far, count yourself as one of the lucky few who supped on the zenith of my three-year efforts to achieve the Absolute Efficient Waste of Space, i.e., this epistulary pearl you now peruse!)

Breaking with tradition, I will now attempt to create a narrative link between these later paragraphs and those initial ones that you have probably forgotten about. On second thought, I can't do that due to a lack of remaining space. Don't get me wrong; I'm not blaming the lack of space for my inability to complete this column. Instead, I happily plead guilty to a love for long-winded stream of conscious. HEY! I got my narrative link in there anyway. Like you care.

Robert  
Hornak



## LETTERS POLICY

The *Almagest* requests your reactions through Letters to the Editor. Letters should be typed and double-spaced. Please include your Class (Freshman, etc.) and Major field of study. They should be turned in to the *Almagest* office BH 344, by noon on the Friday preceding the Friday publication date. Obscene, libelous, and anonymous letters will not be published. We reserve the right to edit all letters.



# Smokers rights worth defending

I am a social leper. I am an outcast. I am a smoker.

When I light-up in public, non-smokers look at me as if I just urinated on the sidewalk. Why is this—because of the supreme evil in the universe: second-hand smoke.

But what I want to know is, if these people are so danged health-conscious, how can they look me in the eye and tell me to put out my cigarette with their melanoma-brown skin and hair bleached from peroxide and frying in the sun. A woman who was eating a hamburger in the mall's food court asked me to put out my cigarette (in the smoking section, no less!). I had to ask her to speak up because I couldn't hear her over the sound of her arteries clogging.

Now I'm not saying I'm a health food nut and holier-than-thou, but everyone has their vices. I know, you're thinking to yourselves that eating junk food doesn't hurt anybody but the person eating it. Smoking hurts anyone breathing around it. Well, give us smoking sections and believe me, just to avoid your whining, we'll stay in them. We don't ask much: a couple of chairs, an ashtray, and a roof over our heads.

Smoking is not the worst vice I can think of. Nobody has ever come up to me and said, "Hey, I want you to give me your keys. I'm driving you home. You've had too many cigarettes." Nobody has ever

attacked me in an alley and taken my purse for money to buy a pack of Marlboros. Nobody has ever lost the rent money at the local Circle K because they got a hot tip on a winning carton of smokes. There are far more deaths—accidental and intentional—that can be attributed to guns than cigarettes, and they're still legal.

If someone is around so much smoke that it actually knocks years off his life, then he should go ahead and take up smoking so he'll at least have had the pleasure of having been a smoker before he died. If he doesn't, he'll be dead early anyway without anything to have shown for it. Hey, so what if smoking takes years off your life. It's the last years that it takes, isn't it? What are you gonna miss? Two more years of knitting doilies and watching Family Feud reruns and Star Search 2042.

Smoking is bad for your health. Well, so is breathing the carbon

monoxide-laced air from gas-guzzling domestic cars the size of tanks. So is eating anything besides tofu and water. So is throwing back one too many at the family reunion and telling your cousin Bruno how you never liked his loud-mouthed wife. My point is, if you avoided everything that was bad for you, you'd end up sitting in a sanitized, air-filtered room being fed through a tube while working out to Jane Fonda tapes (taking care not to get too close to the T.V.).

The next time some witch with way too much make-up and thighs the size of small children comes up to me in a smoking section all hopped-up on diet pills and nitrates, I'm going to drop a house on her, take her ruby-red slippers and pour a bucket of water on her sister. Remember my motto for smokers: a quitter never wins and a winner never quits. (No, I do not work for Marlboro.)

Jennifer Newlon



## Q & A

**Q: What do you think of the new food service?**

**A:** "The Pickett prices were cheaper and the food was just as good."

**Stephanie McEntire**  
Sophomore  
Pre-Nursing

**A:** "Coffee is coffee; however, I would like to know where the extra money that LSUS is receiving from this new service is going. Also Pickett Foods is a locally operated business with proceeds staying in the local economy, rather than in Texas."

**Jack Westbrook**  
Junior  
Finance

**A:** "Prices are too high and the attitude stinks. Rumor has it that the food service employees are not to interact (talk) with the students."

**Annie Freeman**  
Junior  
MADM

**A:** "The food is all right, but the prices are a little extreme. The tangible changes are OK, but the unwritten ones are devastating."

**Frank W. Bates**  
Senior  
Psychology

**A:** "I don't like it as much. The servers are nicer, but the food's not as good."

**Liz Casteel**  
Freshman  
Psychology

**A:** "I didn't know there was a new service."

**John Riley Turner, IV**  
Sophomore  
Comm. - Journalism

**A:** "Food's good, but the prices are too high."

**Richard Moore**  
Sophomore  
Comm. - Public Relations

**A:** "The prices are too high for student budgets."

**Madeline Tedesco**  
Freshman  
Marketing

**A:** "Kind of pricey, but much better."

**Ben Moss**  
Sophomore  
Fine Arts

**A:** "They've reduced the menu and our options."

**Kylan Hanson**  
Junior  
Public Relations

## Letters to the Editor

### Open letter prompts students to vote

Students of LSUS:

Are you getting tired of always reading about the troubles on the LSUS campus? Are you tired of always hearing nothing but griping, moaning and complaining? Well, now's your chance to change that.

The SGA elections for President, Vice-President, and College Senators are coming up soon. What does that have to do with you? It gives you a chance to make your voice heard. To become a force to be reckoned with at LSUS. Become a voice on campus! Run for an office. Get a

friend to run for an office. Vote for somebody you know who is running for office. Find out something about a complete stranger who is running for an office.

Don't spend another semester sitting idly by and let someone whom you know absolutely nothing about have control over your fate! If you don't run, at least vote! If you don't vote because you think your vote doesn't count, guess what? You're absolutely right! Your vote doesn't count because it wasn't used by the person who was entitled to it.

We all pay entirely too much to

watch our university fall by the wayside because no one person wanted to take a chance and improve LSUS. There's plenty to be proud of at LSUS.

I'm proud to say my parents graduated from LSUS and so will I. I'm also too proud of this university to let it go down the tubes! It's up to you to make the difference. Get involved! All it takes is for you to put your name on a piece of paper and want to make the change.

**George Bagley**  
SGA Senator

## Senator urges approval of amendments

Dear Editor:

The Student Government Association has placed two amendments on the ballot for the February 24 elections that are scheduled. I would urge every student to vote (it's their right as a student) and would encourage them to vote yes for each of the amendments offered.

Three years ago, the SGA decid-

ed that only members of the Senate could be elected as President of the Student Body. This type of logic makes as much sense as would the U.S. Congress requiring candidates for President to first serve as either a Congressman or Senator. While experience is helpful to candidates running for office, it should not be an essential requirement.

Since an unusual twist would

develop if the amendments fail and the candidate with the most votes doesn't have the "member of the status quo" requirement, voting for both amendments and making sure that they pass is very important to all candidates.

**J. Scott Martin**  
SGA Senator



# Campus

## BRIEFS

### Opportunities

#### Financial Aid

Financial aid applications for 1993-94 are now available in the Financial Aid Office - Rm. 202, Adm. Bldg. It is recommended that students submit these applications for processing as soon as possible. Students and parents should complete their 1992 Federal tax returns before filing the financial aid application. For help, call the financial aid office at 797-5363.

#### Minority Teaching Fellowship

Alamo Community College District is awarding 3 master's fellowship and two doctoral fellowships this summer. Applicants must be ethnic minorities and must have been accepted into an accredited master's program or have completed all but their dissertation of a doctoral program by June 1, 1993. Application deadline is April 2, 1993. To request an application, write Alamo Community College District, Minority Teaching Fellowships Program, Department of Human Resources, 811 W. Houston St., San

Antonio, TX 78207-3033 or call 210-220-1610.

### Club News

#### Psychology Club

The Psychology Club meets every first and third Thursdays in BE 345 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone interested is invited to attend. The 1993 president is Paul Anderson and the vice president is Ashley Harville.

#### Foreign Language Club

The Foreign Language Club will be sponsoring a presentation on the Mayan culture by Mr. Joe Patrick on February 16 at 10:30 a.m. This meeting will be held in Rm. 240 of Bronson Hall. Everyone interested is invited to attend. The club will be providing refreshments.

### Entertainment

#### Black Gospel Explosion '93

Black Gospel Explosion '93 will be held Sat., Feb. 20th at 7 p.m. in the

UC Theater. Features will be Texas A&M Voices or Praise and Bright Star Male Chorus from Shreveport. Admission \$2.

### Black History Month

#### Minority Affairs Lecture

The College of Education will present its fifth annual Minority Affairs Lecture at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18 in the University Center Theater. Dr. June James III, dean of the School of Education at Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas, will speak. The theme will be "The Need for Unity in a Changing World: 'One Hope — One world — One Everlasting Peace'." The program is free and open to the public as a part of the university's Black History Month observance.

### Briefs

Send your entertainment briefs, events, opportunities and club news to the Almagest office, BH 344, by Friday, noon.

## Students spearhead campaign to make road safer

Beth Horstman  
Editor

LSUS sophomore, Marissa Kurtz and Captain Shreve senior, Jason Peters founders of Operation Substandard, offered area residents a look at their campaign to improve East Flournoy Lucas Road.

The public forum, held Thursday, Feb. 4, in the UC, explained why the group considers the road — also known as La. Hwy. 523 — unsafe.

Supporters of the movement want the road widened to include

shoulders, the speed limit reduced to 45 mph and lights added at a sharp curve at the west end of the road.

Police records show 23 accidents occurred in the two-mile stretch of road from January to December 1992.

Police records also show seven fatalities on the road in the last five years. Of those seven, three were teens, occurring in the last 2 1/2 years.

Rep. Roy Brun and Caddo Parish Commissioner Vincent Marsala fielded questions from the audience.

State Senator Greg Barro, who has been corresponding with the students, was unable to attend due to illness.

Brun stated that this was the first he had heard of the problem, but that those concerned were on the right track by getting attention focused on the problem.

Marsala urged people to appear before the Caddo Parish Commission and present the problem. Then the Commission could forward the concerns to the Shreveport-Bossier delegation for further consideration.

## Spectra garners literary award

Patty Palmer  
Almagest

In a national competition by the American Scholastic Press Association, LSUS's student literary magazine, Spectra, captured two awards for its 1992 edition.

Spectra '92 earned first place honors in the student literary competition and earned an award for outstanding photography.

ASPA's judges attributed Spectra's success to its "vast content coverage, high level of creativity, pro-

fessional presentation, and superior artwork/photography."

Sharon Atha, a student editor for Spectra '92, said she was pleased to learn about the success of Spectra '92 in the competition.

Deshae Lott, also a student editor for Spectra '92, was surprised and honored with Spectra's success.

"This recognition credits the creative talents on our campus that often go unrecognized," Lott said.

Lott is hopeful that LSUS's artistic students will recognize that they have an outlet available to them,

through Spectra, where they can proudly display their work.

Spectra '92 editor Kathleen Smith, who started the literary magazine while an undergraduate in 1969, said that each year the Spectra editors try to express their own vision within the magazine.

"I really liked Sharon and Deshae's vision," Smith said. "It was one of the best editions I've seen."

Smith said that Spectra '93, which is due out in early April, will probably be entered in this year's competition.

## Campus Calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

\* SAB — 12 noon

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

\* Panhellenic Meeting — 10:30 a.m.

\* LSUS men's basketball v. Le Tourneau Univ. — 7:30 p.m.  
LSUS gym

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

\* SGA Runoff Elections

\* SGA Meeting — 12 noon

\* Sign up for March interviews — 11 a.m.

\* M/W Racquetball Tournament — Gym, 1:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

\* SGA Runoff Elections

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

\* Mardi Gras Break — no classes

\* LSUS men's basketball v. E. Texas Baptist Univ. — 7:30 p.m., LSUS gym

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

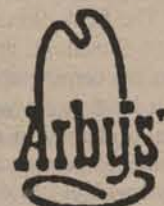
\* Mardi Gras Break — no classes

**LSUS Student Special**  
**Arby's® Beef 'n Cheddar Sandwich**

**\$1.89**

each

Buy up to 10 at this price with coupon  
Not valid with any other offer.  
Expires 3-15-93.



**LSUS Special**

**Double Cheeseburger, Fries  
and 16 oz. Soft Drink**

**\$1.78**

plus tax

**Try our new Greek Gyrol**  
No coupon needed. Limited time offer.



## Features

## Dutch film 'The Vanishing' undergoes Americanization

Chris Crichlow  
Largest

Just over a year ago, critics decried the release of a Dutch film called "The Vanishing." This week, an American adaptation of this film opened locally. As one would expect, the new version features American actors, American scenery, and the classic Hollywood ending in which the good guys win.

In the original "Vanishing," the good guys didn't win. The same producers who decided that "The Vanishing" wouldn't gross over \$100 million dollars if Julia Roberts' character ended up a drug addict on the streets struck again. They figured that American audiences wouldn't keep going back to a quality, suspenseful movie like the original "Vanishing" because it reaffirmed the viewer's belief in the myth that has pervaded Hollywood since the days of John Ford and Marshal Dillon — that American values always triumph over others.

As the antagonist Hans Gruber in "Die Hard" right when he asserts that Americans are nothing more than the orphans of a bankrupt culture. Or can the people of America overcome the ethnocentric arrogance that is so prevalent in today's media and look beyond the values that have been taught in order to appreciate the true artistic value of a film they watch?

Looking at the movies which grossed the most money in the last year, one can make the assumption that the American public most enjoys watching movies like "Home Alone II", "Lethal Weapon III", and "Wayne's World." Which of these doesn't have a happy ending? And which one received the Palme D'Or at the last Cannes Film Festival? They all have achieved blockbuster status even though they offer nothing but mindless entertainment.

Now, direct your attention to the films which critics have received as quality motion pictures worthy of being honored by the Academy. "The Unforgiven" and "Malcolm X" are appropriate examples. Each of these movies grossed more than their production cost, and neither of these movies had a happy ending. Therefore, the public must have an appreciation of these films that goes beyond mere entertainment value.

Apparently, 1992 has given Hollywood producers more reason than ever to discard artistic integrity for trite, inane entertainment. Producers are just being good capitalists when they change the endings of quality motion pictures to reflect the financial reality that, while quality films can gross more than their costs regardless of their conclusion, only movies in which American values prevail can attain tremendous financial success. American moviegoers make this reality all too clear by going to see "Home Alone II" again



and again. Apparently, Hans Gruber was right.

As this review is supposed to be about "The Vanishing," perhaps some discussion of the film itself is in order. The American "Vanishing" doesn't have a single problem that a fire in the editing room wouldn't fix. The revised plot could be effective

if it wasn't a lemming. The new plot twists can be seen coming from a mile away.

The acting and production quality are more than adequate to make a good movie, but they are crippled by a screenplay that fails miserably. If you're looking for an intriguing suspense film, rent the original

Dutch version (surprisingly, its available in Shreveport). If you don't like subtitles, but you want to see an intense suspense movie about a psycho killer, rent "Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer." But, whatever you do, don't waste your time watching the latest example of how low American culture can sink.

## LSUS security officer retires

Beth Horstman  
Editor

In 1947 Claude Overlease knew there had to be a better way to make a living than earning a dollar a day working as a farmer. So at 17 he left his home in Rolla, Mo., to join the Army Air Corps.

Overlease began doing administrative work. And hated every minute of it. While serving a tour in Guam, Overlease got his lead into what would become his life's work: law enforcement. Overlease, who became a military police officer, was sent to Bossier City's Barksdale Air Force Base and decided to stay.

Upon his retirement from the military, Overlease accepted a security job with a fledgling school in east Shreveport.

"In 1967 there was nothing where LSUS is, no water, no buildings, nothing," he said.

Overlease has watched LSUS grow from an empty cotton field to

a four-year university with an enrollment of over 6,000 students.

He has a lot of pride when he talks about the campus.

"I really enjoyed working at LSUS," he said. "I love the students."

Overlease also met his wife, Dot, at LSUS. The two kept their courtship secret until they decided to get married.

In the 25 years that he was with security at LSUS he only had to make two arrests. He attributes that to the students.

"There is a different caliber of students that go to school out there," Overlease said. "They are good kids."

Overlease retired Jan. 4 after 25 and a half years with campus security at LSUS. He has many stories to tell and loves to tell them. His funniest experience was during the '70s when "streakers" hit the campus.

"There was no law against it, so

we couldn't do anything about it," he said. "The entire school came out to watch. It was over as soon as it started."

Overlease enjoys watching the kids he helped discipline grow up. He has built many long-lasting relationships with some. Many of the students from the early days still send Overlease and his wife Christmas cards.

Retirement will involve returning to his roots. Overlease will be working in his garden at his home in Blanchard, where he grows tomatoes, bell peppers and hot peppers. He will also do some squirrel hunting and of course, fishing. Retirement will also give him more time to spend with his three children and three grandchildren.

"I've got a garden, two border collies and a wife. I think that'll keep me busy," Overlease said.

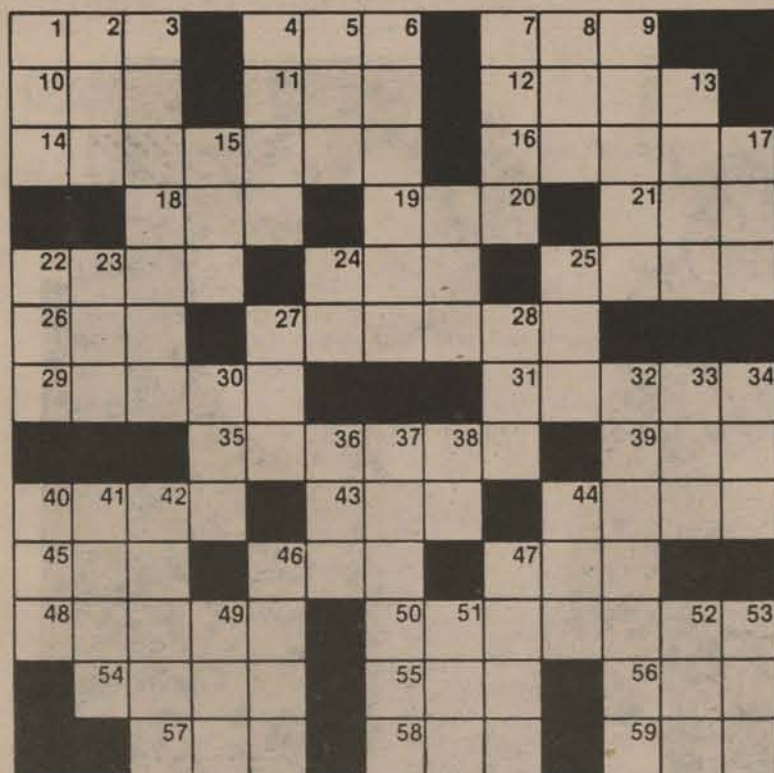
\*Editor's note: This article first appeared in *This Week*.





# Last Word

## Crossword Companion



## ACROSS

1. Naughty  
4. Expire  
7. Even  
10. Arizona Indian  
11. Vessel  
12. Elderly

## DOWN

14. Concert  
16. Pine tree resin  
18. Cold personality  
19. Black fluid  
21. Direction (abbr.)  
22. Cupola  
24. Direction (abbr.)

25. Boil slowly  
26. Salt water  
27. Vouch  
29. Grinding tooth  
31. Securing  
35. Span  
39. Confederate commander  
40. Clerical title  
43. Blemish  
44. Much  
45. Vehicle  
46. Speed (abbr.)  
47. Malt beverage  
48. Run away to wed  
50. Italian dish  
54. Wide-mouthed pitcher  
55. Office holders  
56. — Arbor, Mich.  
57. No (Scot.)  
58. Attorney (abbr.)  
59. Hawaiian garland

## DOWN

1. Prickly flower (var.)  
2. Dined  
3. Point  
4. Chore  
5. A Gershwin  
6. Join  
7. Public land  
8. Past  
9. Set again  
13. Eat supper  
15. Frozen water  
17. Made lately  
22. Distinguished Service Medal (abbr.)  
23. Office of Economic

- Opportunity (abbr.)  
24. Time zone (abbr.)  
25. Pig's home  
27. Arrived (abbr.)  
28. Female saint (abbr.)  
30. Presidential nickname  
32. Against the law  
33. New form  
34. Receive  
36. Devil  
37. Plant native to Mexico  
38. Greek (abbr.)  
40. High card  
41. Wrap hay  
42. Color  
44. Winglike structure  
46. Nothing more than  
47. Assistant (abbr.)  
49. Vegetable  
51. Picnic pest  
52. Direction (abbr.)  
53. Black bird

## ANSWERS TO 2/8 PUZZLE:



### Attention:

Let the Naval Reserve be the key to your FUTURE

Looking for:

- Educational Assistance
- Quality Navy School
- Leadership Experience
- Extra Income
- Advancement
- Future Retirement Benefits

If you are 17-25  
call Sunday-Friday  
1-800-544-2562

### GREEKS & CLUBS

#### \$1,000 AN HOUR!

Each member of your frat, sorority, team, club, etc. pitches in just one hour and your group can raise \$1,000 in just a few days!

Plus a chance to earn \$1,000 for yourself!

No cost. No obligation.  
1-800-932-0528, ext. 65

# —CLASSIFIEDS—

### \$200-\$500 WEEKLY

89 MERCEDES.....\$200  
Assemble products at home. Easy! No selling. You're paid direct. Fully Guaranteed.  
**FREE** Information-24 Hour Hotline.  
801-379-2900 Copyright # LA 017250

### FUNDRAISER

All it takes is a small group with a little energy and alot of excitement to earn \$500-\$1500 in just one week! Call  
1-800-592-2121, ext. 313.

### CHEAP! FBI/U.S. SEIZED

89 MERCEDES.....\$200  
86 VW.....\$350  
87 MERCEDES.....\$100  
65 MUSTANG.....\$50  
Choose from thousands starting \$50  
**FREE** Information-24 Hour Hotline.  
801-379-2929 Copyright # LA 017210

Come ski the best slopes in Colorado over Spring Break! Condos available within minutes of 4 great Summit, CO., Ski resorts, starting at \$80. Call 303-468-6991 7 days a week. Prices go down after April 2.



The Best Place In Town... *Hot!*

All You Can Eat

## FASTFEAST™ BUFFET

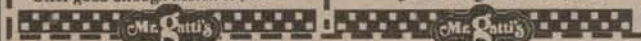
PIZZA, PASTA, SALAD & DESSERT



Lunch & Dinner



Available at participating Mr. Gatti's locations. Please present certificate when ordering. One certificate per guest. Not valid with other discounts. Offer good through March 15, 1993



459-2222

The One Number That's Good All Over Town!

## EARN \$35 TO \$50 FOR ONE NIGHT OF WORK

FOOD SERVERS ARE NEEDED TO WORK A FUNDRAISER THE EVENING OF MARCH 13, 1993  
FEATURING WAYNE NEWTON

NO WAITER EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!  
REQUIRED UNIFORM: BLACK PANTS, WHITE SHIRT, BLACK SHOES & SOCKS AND BLACK BOW TIE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:  
227-4400 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY